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Mr. Robert Smith, Chairman  
Committee to Re-elect Timothy  
Bassett  
63 Burrow Street  
Swampscott, MA 01907

Dear Mr. Smith:

This is in response to your recent request for an advisory opinion concerning the use of funds of the Committee to Re-elect Timothy Bassett to run an appreciation party in Representative Bassett's district for campaign workers and supporters.

G.L. c. 55, §6 provides that your political committee may make expenditures for the enhancement of the political future of the candidate on whose behalf the committee is organized, provided that the purpose of such expenditure is not primarily for the candidate's or any other person's personal use. Regulations promulgated in accordance with this provision specifically deal with the question you have raised. 970 C.M.R. 2.06 (3) (6) (1) provides that political committees such as the Committee to Re-elect Timothy Bassett may make gifts, of reasonable value to campaign workers provided that the gift accurately reflects the contribution made by those workers to the efforts of the political committee and is made in a timely fashion as to clearly indicate its purpose is to express gratitude for work done on behalf of the campaign. Bestowing a gift which takes the form of an appreciation party for campaign workers would be appropriate under this regulation.

Very truly yours,

*Dennis J. Duffin*  
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